

of 3- (N-ethyl-p-toluidino)-6-methyl-7-anilinofluoran as a leuco dye, and 4,4'-dihydroxydiphenyl-sulfone or 2,4'-dihydroxydiphenylsulfone as a developer, and states that this recording material has excellent recording sensitivity and undergoes less degree of background fogging in a high temperature environment at 100°C, and has an excellent storage stability of the recorded image (with less decrease in recording density with a lapse of time).--

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 2, line 24,  
with the following rewritten paragraph:

--Unexamined Japanese Patent Publication No. 1997-11620 discloses a heat-sensitive recording material which makes use of 3- (N-ethyl-p-toluidino)-6-methyl-7-anilinofluoran as a leuco dye and 4-hydroxy-4'-isopropoxydiphenylsulfone as a developer, and states that the recording material has excellent recording sensitivity, entails less decrease in the recording density of the recorded image in a high temperature environment of 80°C, undergoes less degree of background fogging, and has excellent resistance of the recorded image to

humidity and water.--

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 3, line 10,  
with the following rewritten paragraph:

--Further, Unexamined Japanese Patent Publication No.1999-291633 discloses a heat-sensitive recording material that makes use of 3-(N-ethyl-p-toluidino)-6-methyl-7-anilinofluoran or 3-(N-ethyl-p-toluidino)-6-methyl-7-(p-toluidino)fluoran as a leuco dye and bis(3-allyl-4-hydroxyphenyl)sulfone as a developer, and states that the recording material is excellent in recording sensitivity, heat resistance (in a high temperature environment of 80°C), humidity resistance, plasticizer resistance, water resistance and light resistance.--

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 11, line 16,  
with the following rewritten paragraph:

--Examples of the specific leuco dye include fluoran-based leuco dyes which form black color, such as 3-pyrrolidino-6-methyl-7-anilinofluoran (melting point:

225°C), 3-piperidino-6-methyl-7-anilinofluoran (melting point: 226°C), 3-diethylamino-6-methyl-7-anilinofluoran (melting point: 192°C), 3-(N-ethyl-p-toluidino)-6-methyl-7-anilinofluoran (melting point: 206°C), 3-(N-ethyl-p-toluidino)-6-methyl-7-(p-toluidino)fluoran (melting point: 227°C), 3-diethylamino-7-(o-chloroanilino)fluoran (melting point: 218°C), 3-(N-cyclohexyl-N-methylamino)-6-methyl-7-anilinofluoran (melting point: 202°C), fluoran-based leuco dyes which form red color, such as 3-diethylamino-benzo[α]fluoran (melting point: 219°C), 3-diethylamino-7,8-benzofluoran (melting point: 217°C), and the like. Two or more of these specific leuco dyes can also be used in admixture.--

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Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 12, line 7, with the following rewritten paragraph:

--Among these, fluoran-based leuco dyes which form black color, and especially 3-(N-ethyl-p-toluidino)-6-methyl-7-anilinofluoran (melting point: 206°C) is preferable because the resulting heat-sensitive recording material is excellent

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in background fogging resistance, dynamic recording  
sensitivity and light resistance of the recorded image. --

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Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 28, line 17,  
with the following rewritten paragraph:

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--A composition composed of 40 parts of calcined clay  
(trade name: Ansilex, oil absorption 110 ml/100 g, made by  
Engelhard Corporation), 100 parts of a 40% dispersion of  
organic hollow particles having an average particle diameter  
of 1.0  $\mu\text{m}$  (inside diameter/outside diameter: 0.7, shell  
material: polystyrene), 1 part of a 40% aqueous solution of  
sodium salt of polyacrylic acid, 14 parts of a styrene-  
butadiene latex with a solids concentration of 48%, 50 parts  
of a 10% aqueous solution of polyvinyl alcohol (degree of  
saponification: 88%, degree of polymerization: 1000), and 40  
parts of water was mixed and stirred to obtain an undercoat  
layer coating composition. --

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Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 34, line 18,  
with the following rewritten paragraph: